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FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE
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NEW EUROPEAN UNION (EU) CERTIFICATES FOR EGG PRODUCTS

I. PURPOSE

This notice announces that the European Union (EU) is implementing new certification requirements and is adding new certification language for egg products effective **April 26, 2007**. This notice sets out the new certification procedures that inspection program personnel are to follow and explains why it is appropriate for egg product inspectors to sign the new certification statement.

II. NEW CERTIFICATION PROCEDURES

Beginning **April 26, 2007**, inspection program personnel (1) certifying shipments of egg products to an EU member country, (2) certifying egg products for storage in an EU member country, or (3) certifying egg products for transit through an EU member country, upon request from an establishment, are to:

A. Complete a new letterhead health certificate instead of FSIS Form 9190-1, *Public Health Certificate for Egg Products or Processed Egg Products*, to certify egg products for export to, transit through, or storage in an EU member country.

NOTE: Egg product inspectors can download the new EU egg product letterhead certificate from the FSIS Export Library, *Requirements for Processed Egg Products*, in the individual country requirements for the European Union.

B. Apply an export stamp (as shown in 9 CFR 381.104) to each page of the letterhead health certificate in a color other than black. The export stamp is to show the corresponding certificate number of the PY-200, *Egg Products Inspection and Grading Certificate*.

NOTE: Egg product inspectors are to continue to obtain and complete PY-200 forms as under the current procedures.

DISTRIBUTION: Inspection Offices;
T/A Inspectors; TSC; Import Offices

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Personnel who certify egg products for export to the EU but do not have an export stamp should order one immediately from the Beltsville Service Center. In the short term, District Managers should reallocate export stamps appropriately among inspected establishments within their area of responsibility.

III. NEW CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

The EU has added one notable statement for egg products to its certificate. The new statement certifies that the egg products have:

come from an establishment implementing a programme based on the HACCP principles in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 852/2004.

Significantly, the EU has informed FSIS that, based upon a comparative evaluation of processing requirements, it has determined that the egg product regulatory controls contained in FSIS' regulations, 9 CFR 590.500 through 590.575, meet the same level of protection as EU HACCP-related requirements contained in Regulation (EC) No 852/2004.

The official USDA egg products mark of inspection confirms a "programme based on the HACCP principles" and all other certification statements. Therefore, inspection program personnel should sign the letterhead certificate with the additional statement.

NOTE: Egg product processing establishments are not, at this time, required to have HACCP plans, to have conducted a hazard analysis, or comply with other FSIS HACCP-related requirements.

Direct questions related to this notice to the Technical Service Center at 1-800-233-3935.



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